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**NEW EPA PROPOSAL ENCOURAGES HUMAN PESTICIDE EXPERIMENTS ON CHILDREN AND
LOW INCOME AMERICANS**

WASHINGTON, D.C.- Congresswoman Hilda L. Solis (CA-32), Ranking Member of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials, Representative Henry Waxman and Senator Barbara Boxer issued the following analysis of the new draft EPA rule slated for proposal next month, which would allow the systematic testing of pesticides on humans. The proposed rule fails to adopt key recommendations of the National Academy of Sciences and EPA's own advisory committee, and it includes loopholes that invite abuse:

"As this report indicates the Bush Administration has prioritized its commitment to the pesticide industry over the nation's public health and safety. Its draft rule fails to meet the National Academy of Sciences most basic recommendations and further legitimizes the testing of pesticides on children and other vulnerable communities. Human testing is immoral and unethical and it is our job to hold the Bush Administration accountable for public health and safety," said Congresswoman Solis.

* For Flash Report: EPA Proposal Encourages Human Pesticide Experiments, go to:
<http://www.democrats.reform.house.gov/Documents/20050627115138-49907.pdf>

* For EPA Proposal, go to: <http://www.democrats.reform.house.gov/Documents/20050628095141-34398.pdf>

* For Background: Waxman-Solis-Boxer Report, go to:
<http://www.democrats.reform.house.gov/Documents/20050627115401-68567.pdf>

* For EPA Memo on Ethical Concerns, go to:
<http://www.democrats.reform.house.gov/Documents/20050628122609-17055.pdf>

On May 19, 2005, the House of Representatives agreed to an amendment by Representatives Solis and Bishop to the fiscal year 2006 Interior Appropriations bill which prohibits the EPA from undertaking human testing of pesticides.

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